Tampering with Evidence by CBI

2398. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the judgement of a Delhi Session Court containing serious strictures on CBI for tempering with and fabricating evidences in Priyadarshini Mattoo case recently; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to review the functoning of CBI in the light of Court's strictures, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether any independent inquiry would be conducted to examine the role of CBI in the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. The accused in the case was charged for rape and murder. The Court acquitted him of rape and gave the benefit of doubt in respect of the murder charge. The court also expressed strong reservations about the adequacy of the investigation in the Case.

(b) and (c) A decision has been taken by the CBI to file an apeal against the judgement at the earliest possibble. The Director, CBI has already commenced an inquiry to determine whether there were lapses in the investigation of the case. The Government have also advised the Director, CBI to strengthen the investigating and osecution abilities of the Organisation.